

ABSTRACT

A top-loading container for collecting, storing, and transporting bulk material comprises a sidewall defining a load-carrying receptacle and includes an upwardly facing top peripheral edge section having an open top. A cover portion is mounted to freely move independently of the top peripheral edge section to uncover and cover the open top of the load-carrying receptacle. And an actuating mechanism is effective to lift the cover portion upwardly and freely out of contact with and away from the top peripheral edge section. The cover portion and actuating mechanism are each pivotally mounted to the container sidewall outside of the receptacle and at pivot locations spaced downwardly from the top peripheral edge section for freely moving the cover portion between an open top position out of contact with the top peripheral edge section and a closed top position when in contact with the top peripheral edge section.